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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed settlement of the United States vs. Microsoft antitrust case.

I am a computer engineer with several years of experience in industry as well as a university instructor. I look forward to a future where I can work in my chosen career of software engineering although, in light of the proposed settlement, this future is fading.

I am opposed to the proposed settlement because it does not go far enough to remedy the damaging market structure set up by Microsoft that almost completely squelches other software environments as well as their developers. I find that the terms of the proposed settlement will do nothing more than prolong the status quo.

In particular, I find the fact that the settlement would allow Microsoft to continue its damaging anticompetitive practices of economically barring OEMs from shipping computers without Microsoft's OS to be the greatest problem. A correction of this element alone--simply to restore a free-market economy to the PC industry--would be a welcome relief to the industry.

I appreciate the sentiment that a settlement should be reached quickly in order to avoid wasting taxpayer money. I would only hope that if money is to be spent for this at all, that the job should be completed in such a manner as to make it worth the effort of starting the process in the first place. The settlement, as it stands, DOES NO GOOD.

Sincerely,  
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